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<b>CHAPTER:</b> <b>Institutional Operations</b>	<b>REFERENCE AND RELATED STANDARDS:</b> <b>WV Code Chapter §49-2-903; PbStandard – Order #2;          Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), §115.342, §115.352,          §115.368 and §115.378</b>		
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Specialized Housing			
<b>DATE:</b> January 1, 2017			

### PURPOSE

It is the policy of the West Virginia Division of Juvenile Services to establish guidelines and procedures concerning the placement and housing of residents in temporary or long-term specialized housing. Residents are given the opportunity to be housed in the least restrictive custody.

### CANCELLATION

This policy has been reviewed and supersedes Policy 332.00 dated January 1, 2016.

### APPLICABILITY

This Policy applies to all Division of Juvenile Services' residential facilities.

### DEFINITIONS

1. **Isolation:** Any instance when a youth is confined alone for cause or punishment for 15 minutes or more in a room other than the room or cell in which he or she usually sleeps, by either order of staff or by a locking mechanism.
2. **Room Confinement:** Confined for cause or punishment for 15 minutes or more in the room or cell in which he or she usually sleeps, by either order of staff or by a locking mechanism.
3. **Specialized Housing:** An alternative housing program that deviates from general population due to a specialized need.

### PROCEDURES

1. Specialized housing is used for residents who are separated from others due to medical necessity, sanctions, behavioral concerns, a court order, or protective custody.

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- a. An Observation Sheet (Attachment #1) will be used for every resident placed in specialized housing.
  - b. All residents will be searched according to Policy #308.00-Control of Contraband and Allowable Items prior to placement in specialized housing.
2. Any resident placed in any type of specialized housing is to be checked visually by staff randomly, but with no more than 15 minutes between each check. All checks are to be documented on the Observation Sheet, which is uploaded into OIS.
3. Specialized Housing
  - a. Court Ordered Segregation
    - i. If a facility receives a court order on a resident requiring segregation of any type, the Facility Superintendent/Director will be notified immediately and the appropriate Specialized Housing dialog will be initiated in OIS.
    - ii. The resident will be housed appropriately based on the reason for the segregation.
    - iii. Residents will be afforded the same privileges as the general population.
  - b. Medical Isolation
    - i. If a medical or mental health professional determines that a resident needs to be segregated for medical or mental health reasons, the Facility Superintendent/Director will be notified immediately and the reason entered into OIS.
    - ii. Residents can only be medically segregated for the following reasons:
      - 1) Suicide
      - 2) Mental health concerns
      - 3) Medically necessary
      - 4) Refusal of medical intake screening (until compliant)
    - iii. The resident will be housed appropriately based on the reason for the segregation.
    - iv. Residents will be afforded the same privileges as the general population when appropriate.
  - c. Protective Custody
    - i. A resident can request specialized housing for protective custody if they feel unsafe being around the other residents.
    - ii. An incident report will be generated by the staff member receiving the protective custody request.

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- iii. If approved, the resident will be placed in protective custody utilizing the appropriate Specialized Housing dialog in OIS.
  - iv. If denied, the reason for the denial will be documented under interactions in OIS.
  - v. A resident can be recommended for protective custody if facility staff determines such need is necessary.
    - 1) Each facility's director of security or designee will compile and present an initial report with documentation to the Facility Superintendent/Director for specialized housing utilizing the appropriate Specialized Housing dialog in OIS.
    - 2) The Facility Superintendent/Director will meet with the resident to discuss the reasons for the recommended protective custody.
    - 3) If the Facility Superintendent/Director determines the necessity of protective custody, he/she will enter their recommendation in OIS within two (2) calendar days for the Division Director or designee's final approval or denial.
    - 4) The Division Director will enter their final approval or denial in OIS within two (2) calendar days of notification from OIS that a recommendation has been submitted.
    - 5) If approved, the basis for and the decision of the Division Director is printed and given to the resident.
  - vi. A resident can be placed in protective custody immediately if imminent danger warrants such action or an emergency PREA grievance is filed. The process listed above will then be started immediately after separation from the threat.
  - vii. Any resident placed in protective custody either by choice or by staff may only be placed in isolation as a last resort if less restrictive measures are not adequate to keep the resident safe and only until an alternative means of keeping him/her safe can be arranged.
  - viii. Continuation of Specialized Housing for each resident will be based on a seven (7) day perpetual review by the Facility Superintendent/Director and his or her recommendation to the Division Director for as long as the resident remains in Specialized Housing due to safety concerns of the resident.
  - ix. Once the reason for protective custody has been removed or diminished, the Facility Superintendent/Director can remove a resident from Protective Custody.
- d. Segregation prior to hearing
- i. Residents may be segregated prior to hearing if they are being physically aggressive with staff and/or residents and are not amenable to reasonable direction and control.

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- ii. The shift supervisor must contact the Facility Superintendent/Director immediately following the resident being segregated and will document all information in OIS.
  - iii. The Facility Superintendent/Director may approve the placement of residents in segregation for a 24 hour period prior to the hearing. Division Director and Deputy Director will be notified by OIS when segregation prior to hearing is used.
  - iv. A resident placed in segregation prior to a hearing must have his/her hearing within twenty-four (24) hours and credit must be given for time served, if found guilty of the charge.
- e. Hearing sanctions
  - i. Specialized housing can result from a guilty finding of a Category I rule violation by the hearing officer.
  - ii. Specialized housing for each sanction will be no more than three (3) days for non-violent Category I offenses or no more than ten (10) days for violent Category I offenses.
  - iii. The hearing officer must notify the Division Director and Deputy Director via email of any sanctions resulting in more than three days of confinement.
  - iv. Residents placed on specialized housing due to hearing sanctions of more than three (3) days will be placed on a Behavioral Management Plan which will be developed by the treatment team within two (2) calendar days.
    - 1) The behavioral management plan will remain in effect until the targeted goals have been completed by the resident.
    - 2) A copy will be given to the resident.
    - 3) The behavioral management plan will include, at a minimum:
      - a) Expectations
      - b) Goals and Objectives
      - c) Incentives
      - d) Consequences
  - v. The treatment team can petition the Facility Superintendent/Director to have a resident removed from specialized housing when they feel the resident has completed the plan and is amenable to reasonable direction and control.
- f. Administrative Segregation – Treatment tool used for those residents demonstrating consistent negative behaviors who require segregation to maintain safety and security of the facility, staff and other residents while working on a specific behavior modification plan. This can also include residents who have served confinement for a Category sanction and are still demonstrating violent and active aggression towards staff or other residents.

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i. Process

- 1) Only the following staff can make a recommendation to the Facility Superintendent/Director for requesting a resident be placed on administrative segregation.
  - a) Director of Security or designee
  - b) Hearing Officer
  - c) Director of Treatment or designee
- 2) The facility staff making the recommendation will compile and present an initial report with documentation to the Facility Superintendent/Director who shall make a determination if a resident is to be recommended for segregated housing utilizing the appropriate Specialized Housing dialog in OIS.
- 3) The resident will be informed in writing of pending consideration for placement on administrative segregated housing. The Notice of Consideration for Administrative Segregation located in OIS will be completed and uploaded to the Specialized Housing entity.
- 4) The resident shall be permitted to receive assistance from a staff representative, if requested.
- 5) The Facility Superintendent/Director or designee will meet with the resident to discuss the reasons for the recommended segregation.
- 6) If the Facility Superintendent/Director or designee recommends the necessity of segregated housing, he/she will enter their recommendation for the Division Director and Deputy Director for final approval in OIS within two (2) calendar days.
- 7) The evidence and decision of the Division Director or designee is printed and given to the resident.
- 8) Continuation of Segregated Housing for each resident will be based on a seven (7) day perpetual review by the Facility Superintendent/Director and his or her recommendation to the Division Director for as long as the resident remains in Segregated Housing due to administrative segregation.

ii. Residents placed on specialized housing due to administrative segregation will be placed on a Behavioral Modification Plan which will be developed by the treatment team within two (2) calendar days.

- 1) The behavioral modification plan will remain in effect until the targeted goals have been completed by the resident.
- 2) A copy will be given to the resident.
- 3) This plan will be updated whenever the Division Director gives approval for continuation of segregated housing.
- 4) The behavioral modification plan will include, at a minimum:
  - a) Expectations
  - b) Goals and Objectives



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- c) Time frames
- d) Incentives
- e) Consequences

5) The treatment team can petition the Facility Superintendent/Director to have a resident removed from specialized housing when they feel the resident has completed the plan and is amenable to reasonable direction and control.

iii. If a facility does not have the means to house a resident in Specialized Housing, the Facility Superintendent/Director can request to transfer a resident to a more secure facility through the Division's movement coordinator.

4. In addition to the above mentioned specialized housing, residents may only be placed on room confinement/isolation:

- a. During sleeping hours
- b. Timeout Periods – When a resident is demonstrating verbal and/or physical out of control behaviors or when a resident threatens to physically harm staff and is escalating towards out of control behavior.
  - i. Verbal approval must be given by the shift supervisor.
  - ii. The shift supervisor will document all approved timeout periods into the Offender Information System (OIS).
  - iii. **As soon as a resident is amenable to reasonable direction and control, the resident will be released from the timeout period.**
  - iv. Timeouts are to be first tried on the unit. If behavior disrupts the entire unit, then with the Shift Supervisor's help, the resident can be transported to a different location to finish the Timeout.
  - v. The resident's behavior is evaluated and documented by staff. These checks are to be at random intervals, but with no more than 15 minutes between each check.
  - vi. Timeout cannot exceed four (4) hours without approval from Facility Superintendent/Director.
- c. Upon request of the resident who may request that their door be locked. This is to be documented and signed by the resident.
- d. When there is credible evidence to suggest imminent danger to staff, residents or the facility.
  - i. Includes residents actively and continually talking about and/or planning a riot or other serious disturbance.

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- ii. When a resident is released from time out and immediately demonstrates out of control behavior and/or presents as a threat to staff or other residents.
    - 1) The shift supervisor has the authority to place a resident in room confinement/isolation immediately in these types of situations. He/she is to then notify the Facility Superintendent/Director for final approval.
    - 2) The confined time frame will be determined by the Facility Superintendent/Director, but will not exceed beyond the following morning.
    - 3) Emails are to be sent to the Division Director and Deputy Director alerting them to the situation, date/time placed in confinement and date/time released.
5. Any resident held in any type of specialized housing shall have:
  - a. Daily access to a shower.
  - b. Daily access to large muscle activity/recreation, which is to be entered in OIS.
  - c. A healthy diet similar to that being served to all facility residents.
  - d. A full educational program.
  - e. Daily access to a health and mental health evaluation. Such conversations/reviews shall be conducted face-to-face, not through the opening of a cell door. If a resident is exhibiting threatening or assaultive behavior, a review may be conducted through the cell door, however a face-to-face follow-up conversation/review by a nurse or mental health professional must be conducted as soon as possible and within twenty-four hours.
  - f. Daily access to a treatment staff person at least once daily. Any time a resident is released from their room for recreation or treatment activities it must be entered in the Activities section of Specialized Housing in OIS.
6. For administration segregation, segregation prior to hearing, and room confinement or isolation due to hearing sanctions, all items will be removed from a resident's room including, but not limited to: hygiene items, pencils, papers, photos and bedding (except during sleeping hours). Items may be returned to residents as incentives as outlined in their Behavior Modification Plan.
7. All documents are to be uploaded to OIS.
8. For standardization purposes, the altering of any format to any Division policy attachment is prohibited, other than to complete the information required on the form itself.

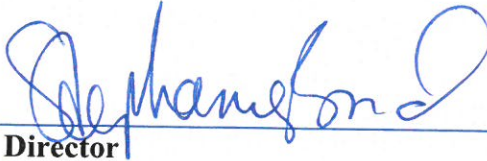
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9. Each facility will develop an operational procedure for this policy.

**RIGHTS RESERVED**

The Director reserves the right to modify, suspend or cancel any provision herein in part or entirety, without advance notice, unless prohibited by law.

**APPROVED:**

  
**Director**

  
**Date**



